



## Salmon-Challis National Forest Fire Closure Update Monday, September 19, 2011



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Due to the recent moisture and significant decrease in fire activity, local fire managers have made adjustments to two of the fire closure orders.

The area closure surrounding the 2,850 acre Velvet Fire has been terminated. Lightning started the fire, which is located about 5 miles northeast of Boundary Creek, on August 12.

Additionally, the area closure surrounding both the Ship Island and Alpine Fires has been reduced. The Ship Island Fire has burned 2,301 acres since August 25; the Alpine Fire has burned 20 acres since August 8. These fires were ignited by lightning. The closed area now begins at the intersection of Parrot Creek with Middle Fork Trail #044 and proceeds east and southeast along Parrot Creek to Parrot Lake. From there it continues on a southeast bearing to Mount McGuire. The closure then follows the main ridgeline southeast on Mount McGuire to the saddle at the head of Roaring Creek, where it turns south and follows the unnamed drainage to Airplane, Shoban, and Sheepeater Lakes. It then turns south-southwest through a small saddle to the switchbacks on the Waterfall Creek Trail #045, just north of Terrace Lakes. The boundary then proceeds west-northwest along the Waterfall Creek trail to its junction with the Middle Fork Trail, and then north along Middle Fork Trail to the starting point at Parrot Creek.

Forest Trail #030 to Ship Island Lake is closed. Parrot Placer Camp on the Middle Fork of the Salmon River also remains closed.

Airplane, Shoban, and Sheepeater Lakes, and Waterfall Creek and Middle Fork Trails are **excluded** from the closure.

Recreationalists are reminded that the Velvet, Ship Island, and Alpine Fires are still burning, so smoke may be visible in these areas. All three fires are located in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and are being managed for multiple objectives, including the return of fire to the ecosystem.